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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO AUGUST 13, BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS ARTICLE, PRESIDENT KHAMA IN PYONGYANG CONGRATULATED KIM IL SUNG FOR THE DPRK S SUCCESSES SINCE QTE THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN 1950 UNQTE. ARTICLE FURTHER QUOTES KHAMA AS SAYING THAT BOTSWANA'S QTE ENEMIES ARE THOSE NATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATE, OVERTLY OR COVERTLY, IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE BLACK PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA UNQTE. KIM IL SUNG THANKED GOB FOR SUPPORTING DPRK AT 29TH AND 30TH UNGA QTE IN DEFIANCE OF ANY THREAT OR PRESSURE UNQTE. THE NORTH KOREAN FURTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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WARNED THAT QTE THE ENEMY HAS PREPARED ITSELF FULLY FOR A LARGE-

SCALE INVASION (AND THAT) WAR MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT UNQTE.
END SUMMARY.

1. AUGUST 13 BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS FEATURES LONG FRONT -PAGE
ARTICLE ON PRESIDENT KHAMA S VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. TEXT OF ARTICLE
ENTITLED PRESIDENT KHAMA DEPLORES RACISM AS FOLLOWS: QTE: NORTH
KOREAN LEADER KIM IL SUNG ON MONDAY HELD A BANQUET AT THE CULTURAL
PALACE OF THE PEOPLE IN PYONGYANG IN HONOUR OF PRESIDENT SIR
SERETSE KHAMA AND HIS PARTY OF TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHO ARE
CURRENTLY ON A STATE VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.
SPEAKING AT THE BQNQUET , THE PRESIDENT PAID TRIBUTE TO THE KOREAN
LEADER FOR HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP, GREAT VISION AND SELF
DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND FREEDOM.

HE ASSURED THE KOREAN LEADER THAT ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE ADMIRE
HIS COUNTRY AND PEOPLE FOR THE GREAT VICTORIES WHICH HAVE CHARACT-
ERISED THE PERIOD OF SOCIALIST RECONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING THE
IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN 1950.

2. QTE: BRIEFING HIS AUDIENCE ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION,
PRESIDENT KHAMA EMPHATICALLY STRESSED THAT IT CAN NO LONGER BE
CONSTRUED AS AN ISOLATED PHENOMENON PECULIAR TO THAT REQION. HE
DISMISSED WHAT HE SIMPLYDESCRIBED AS SINISTER ARGUMENTS ADVANCED
BY THOSE WHO CONSCIOUSLY DISREGARD THE LESSONS OF HISTORY, TRYING
TO BLUFF THE WORLD INTO BELIEVING THAT APARTHEID AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION CAN ONLY THREATEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS NEIGHBOURS
ALONE BUT NOT THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

3. QTE: HE OUTRIGHTLY REJECTED THE MISTAKEN CLAIM THAT IAN SMITH
AND HIS CLIQUE ARE AN ISOLATED NUISANCE E RATHER THAN A CREDIBLE
THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD.
THE ARGUMENT THAT THE EXISTENCE OF RACISM AND OPPRESSION IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND
SECURITY IS AS FALLACIOUS AS IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE, ARGUED THE
PRESIDENT, ADDING THAT IN FACT THE CAUSE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR
WAS RACISM.

4. QTE: WITHOUT ANY NAME CALLING, THE PRESIDENT FRANKLY EMPHASISED,
OUR FRIENDS ARE THOSE PROGRESSIVE NATIONS WHO HAVE TENACIOUSLY
AND WITH GENUINE INTENTIONS SUPPORTED THE LIBERATION SOUGGLE IN
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SOUTHERN AFRICA. OUR ENEMIES ARE THOSE NATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATE,
OVERTLY OR COVERTLY, IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE BLACK PEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

5. QTE. PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED GRATITUDE
TO PRESIDENT KHAMA AND HIS GOVERNMENT FOR ACTIVELY SUPPORTING
THE RESOLUTIONS OF OUR SIDE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE 29TH
AND 30TH SESSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ADDING

THAT THIS WAS A STRIKING EVIDENCE THAT SIR SERETSE BRAVELY MAINTAINS A JUST AND PRINCIPLED STAND IN DEFIANCE OF ANY THREAT OR PRESSURE.

6. QTE: THE KOREAN LEADER REVEALED THAT THE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY "IS STRAINED AS NEVER BEFORE. NOW THE ENEMY HAS PREPARED ITSELF FULLY FOR A LARGE-SCALE INVASION AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF OF OUR REPUBLIC AND CRITICAL SITUATION HAS BEEN CREATED BEFORE US IN WHICH WAR MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT," HE WARNED.

7. QTE: HE CRITICISED THE ENEMY FOR PRETENDING THAT THERE IS A THREAT OF SOUTHWARD AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH, POINTING OUT THAT FACTS PROVE THAT WE ARE THREATENED BY NORTHWARD AGGRESSION, WE SHALL RESOLUTELY COUNTER IT WITH WAR AND ANNIHILATE THE AGGRESSORS TO THE LAST MAN.

8. QTE: MEANWHILE THE KOREAN PRESS HAS HAILED AND OVERWHELMINGLY GIVEN BIG COVERAGE TO THE KOREAN VISIT BY PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA, WITH MOST DAILIES CARRYING EDITORIALS AND FRONTAGE BANNERS AND PHOTO-ACCOMPANIED NEWS ITEMS INTRODUCING THE PRESIDENT AND HIS COUNTRY TO THE KOREANS.

9. QTE: ONE OF THE DAILIES EVEN CARRIED A PROFILE OF PRESIDENT. IN ITS EDITORIAL HEADLINED "ENVOY OF BOTSWANA, PEOPLE COMING WITH FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS TOWARDDOUR PEOPLE" THE RODONG SINMUM, AN ORGAN OF THE PARTY SAID, "THE VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY BY SIR SERETSE KHAMA WILL BE A MOMENTOUS EVENT IN FURTHER CONSOLIDATING AND DEVELOPING THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION FORGED BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF KOREA AND BOTSWANA. IT IS A VERY AUSPICIOUS EVENT FOR OUR PEOPLE AND WILL MARK A NEW MILESTONE IN EXPANIDING AND STRENGTHENING MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR ACCELERATING THE SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC AND ACHIEVING THE COUNTRY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEPENDENCE AND PEACEFUL RE-UNIFICATION."

10. QTE: REFERRING TO THE SUCCESSES THE BATSWANA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT KHAMA HAVE MADE IN THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A NEW LIFE, UPHOLDING THE SLOGANS, "DEMOCRACY, DEVELOPMENT, SELF-RELIANCE AND UNITY," THE EDITORIAL WARMLY HAILED THEM.

1. QTE: IT NOTED THAT BOTSWANA IS PURSUING A NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY, EXTERNALLY AND VIGOROUSLY STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND RACISM AND FOR THE COMPLETE LIBERATION OF AFRICA.

12. QTE: IN CONCLUSION THE RODONG SINMUM EDITORIAL STRESSED: THE KOREAN PEOPLE WILL AS EVER FIGHT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY AND COOPERATION WITH THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEW EMERGING FORCES, INCLUDING BOTSWANA.

13. QTE: PYONGYANG STREETS WERE DECORATED WITH PORTRAITS OF THE BOTSWANA AND KOREAN LEADERS, THE TWO COUNTRIES' FLAGS, FLOWER RAINBOWS AND OTHER FESTIVE ATTIRES.

14. QTE: THE BOTSWANA DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THE KOREAN CITY TODAY FOR COLOMBO, SRI LANKA WHERE PRESIDENT KHAMA WILL JOIN OTHER LEADERS AT THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. UNQTE.

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